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ALCOHOL RESEARCH PROGRAM

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Predoctoral/
Postdoctoral
Fellowships



Faculty Mentors Fall 2007

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Alcohol Research Program - Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships

Background

The Alcohol Research Program, an SDSU/UCSD collaboration, was created to prepare fellows for careers in academic and research settings with encouraged specialization within the alcohol research field. It is highly competitive and is a close affiliate of the SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology (JDP).

Since its inception in 2002, the program has provided funding for 16 predoctoral and 12 postdoctoral fellows through an NIAAA institutional training grant. The majority of fellows proceed to independent research funding and academic research careers.

Areas of Research

This training encompasses a broad range of alcohol-related research including areas such as adolescent alcohol abuse and treatment, genetic influences on alcohol sensitivity, risk and protective factors for alcoholism, neurobiological and behavioral effects of alcoholism, fetal alcohol effects, patterns of addiction, and brain imaging.

Faculty Members

The training faculty consists primarily of individuals associated with the JDP. Faculty members include Drs. Edward Riley (Director), Sandra Brown (co-Director), Cindy Ehlers, Igor Grant, Robert Heaton, Elizabeth Klonoff, Susan Luczak, Sarah Mattson, Mark Myers, Sonya Norman, Marc Schuckit, Susan Tapert, Susan Tate, Michael Taylor, Jennifer Thomas and Tamara Wall.

Though trainees will work primarily with one carefully matched faculty member, collaborative research is encouraged.

Our Mission

- ◆ To train fellows in those skills necessary for the conception, planning, and conduct of research in alcohol studies and subsequent presentation and publication of results
- ◆ To expose fellows to a variety of areas in the alcohol field, emphasizing collaborative research
- ◆ To provide funding for four predoctoral and four postdoctoral fellows each year

Training Objectives

- ◆ Didactic training in alcohol and substance use disorders
- ◆ Didactic training in research methodologies for the behavioral sciences
- ◆ Supervised individual research placements
- ◆ Seminars, journal clubs, and attendance of major conferences

Funding

Funding includes significant contributions towards tuition, health insurance, and one annual trip to attend the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA) meeting.

For more information on the RSA, visit <http://www.rsoa.org/>

Predoctoral Candidacy

Predoctoral trainees are recruited from the normal application pool to the JDP and must be approved by the JDP and Graduate Division of SDSU. In determining acceptable candidates, the following factors are considered: GPA, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, publications, and fit with faculty interests.

For more information on the JDP, including application procedures and student demographics, visit <http://www.psychology.sdsu.edu/doctoral/>

Postdoctoral Candidacy

Postdoctoral trainees will be selected based on letters of recommendation, fit with faculty interests, doctoral performance, and publication record.



Trainees Fall 2007